

Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee Meeting (3PC)
Lake Michigan Room
October 18, 2022
Minutes

This meeting was convened as a virtual, informational meeting.

Chairman Andrew Kyres called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Andrew Kyres, Dave Heinold, Shannon Eason, Scott Privet, Jan Dick, Mark O'Dell, George Topoll, Craig Zandstra, and Jake Dammarell.

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Kevin Polette, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January 6, May 26, and August 25, 2022 were approved on motion by Shannon Eason and second by David Heinold.

Mitch Barloga gave an informational presentation on revising the scoring criteria for the Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA). Changes to the scoring methodology for the Multi-Use Trails application is being proposed. The question, "What are the trip generators within ½ mile of the project area?" will be removed because new trail connections will be more remote. Question "What is the transit access within ½ mile of the project area?" has been removed. Fixed-route transit service in developing areas of the region is almost non-existent. There is a lack of dedicated on-road bicycle routes in developing areas. Therefore, the question, "Does the proposed trail connect to existing on-road bicycle routes?" is being removed. "What are the number of individuals employed within ½ mile of project area?" is being removed. However, NIRPC plans to focus on this matter in the *2050+ Plan*. "If there is a school within ¼ mile of the project, what is the current % of children within ¼ mile of that school?" has been removed. "What is the project relationship to the Priority Trails Corridors (PTC) Map?" has been removed due to the location on a High Priority Corridor now being worth 45 points to reflect the importance of these routes growing our regional network. "What is the status of the design/engineering for the proposed project?" has been removed because many proposed projects were not able to achieve this threshold. "What is the motorized and non-motorized crash rate within a ½ mile radius of the project area?" is also being removed. NIRPC staff has reordered the PTC map to reflect the status of built and funded systems. Moreover, there will be an emphasis on the importance of corridors connecting communities to the "core" network. The network includes 26 corridors within Northwest Indiana.

Announcements

Announcements were made.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 12, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the NIRPC building.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.